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Dr. Barnes' Ignis Fatua

The article by Dr. Barnes in the News last week and directed at the head of the Editor, contains a great many things which are so wondrously erroneous, that although we greatly dislike controversy, we feel that in justice to our readers we should make some reply to them.

Let us proceed at once to the *primam exemplum* of Dr. Barnes' vascillations. In the article entitled "His Purgatorial View," he gave us to understand that all peoples would be reincarnated in the millennium to be instructed in righteousness, made perfect, and divers other things. Let us quote his exact words, which are as follows: "When it is seen that a restoration (to earth) is indispensable and that man is to be restored TO LIFE ON THE EARTH (the capitals are ours), instructed in righteousness, purged and cleansed from all sin, made perfect and fit to live as the original Adam was, then the false idea of being transported to some far away place of torment loses its hold upon the mind." Then let us place in juxtaposition to his words of last week, "We do not claim that any except Adam and Eve will ever come back for a 'second trial.'" If this instruction in righteousness is to be a second trial, what is it? People today are instructed in righteousness to the best of the ability of an army of ministers and priests. Why not start righteousness-instruction now, if not already started? And if it is already started, what would be the use of going over the performance in the millennium? Mr. Barnes is wobbly over this point, but we will take his last statement that Adam and Eve are the only ones to get a "second trial" and are glad of it ourselves—for we are undergoing this trial under very harassing conditions—but very sorry for Mr. and Mrs. Adam Primusfamilias, that they have to undergo a second trial.

Mr. Barnes, while staggering about trying to answer our question as to what the people of the millennium will be composed of, replies "flesh and blood, with great changes—not in the composition—but in the powers and usefulness of the human body", and says that man will be restored to what he was in the original Adam, and lays stress upon Edenic conditions, such as trees of life that would have supported him eternally. And right here arises a different point. Was Adam any different a man before Eve abetted in his fall by partaking of the forbidden fruit, PHYSICALLY, we mean, than his descendants are today? Did he not have to eat, even to live eternally, and did he not eat? Was not his eating a cause for his fall? If he had possessed a perfect (?) body that did not subsist by eating, would he have fallen? And was he not given dominion over the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air and the fish of the sea before he erred, just as men enjoy today? That meant that he could have eaten them if he wanted to and we suspicion they would have eaten him if they could have gotten hold of him. Adam undoubtedly busied for his living like any cow, horse, cat or dog does now. He might have had finer sensibilities,—though he did not write any book of poems—but there was one thing in which he and the animal were formed alike, they had no practical knowledge of results.

What was this pre-sin condition that Dr. Barnes tells us will prevail when the Millennium is over and the Judgment is done, and the world is given up to the habitation of the just? In one dizzy breath he tells us that there will be resurrected both "spirit-begotten ones who are resurrected spirit beings," and the "just of men who had their trial before the age of spirit-begotten," and that both will be "resurrected perfect MEN." Right here we bang up against the same old piece of granite. If the former have been "evolved" or evolved into spirits or spirit-beings, why fasten the harness of flesh upon them anew? Even if it will be such a perfect flesh condition as Adam possessed, as Dr. Barnes claims, why tack it onto them? We will wager that every one of those "spirit-begotten" ones would stalk about discontentedly quoting Shakespeare, "O that this too, too solid flesh would melt, thaw, and resolve itself into a dew!" And we wouldn't blame them either. Not one particle! This flesh that has to be fed is harassing, and would be even more so to spirits who had tasted the joys of such an untrammelled existence that the most perfect flying machine yet to be devised would be nothing to it. Nor is there any proof that Adam's flesh previous to his fall was any better in quality than Mr. Barnes' or the Editor's. He apparently subsisted on fruit and figs just as we do now. He also existed under a veil as to his subsistence, and lots of other things,

which he found out afterwards, and which we, his descendants, are adding to in the line of discovery. Did Adam know about the North Pole previous to his fall? He certainly didn't after his fall, for it was only in the sixteenth century, we believe, that it was figured out by a French scientist that such a point could be reached. The fact is Adam was in such an innocent, know-nothing condition that he would be reckoned *nihil* (nothing) if he existed at this age of the world. This is saying nothing derogatory of either God or Adam. Hence we deduce that if the same ultimatum had been laid down by the Lord God to the hippopotamus Adam had been given brilliancy of thought enough to name, and the lady hippopotamus, his consort, was tempted (under like conditions always as far as God's plan was concerned) Adam and his race to-day would have been considered lower animals, and gentlemen hippopotamuses might have been seated in our halls of Congress. And, judging from the obtuseness of some of the political acts done there, the intellects of many of the members must be after that of the hippopotamus. Animals could talk in those days, you know, for the serpent seems to have had the power of speech, and very probably the hippopotamuses (Lat. plural *hippopotami*) conversed also, though it is not recorded what language was used. Probably Dr. Barnes can tell us. So we, unaided by any Emphatic Diaglott, or emphatic anything, emphatically say that Adam's perfection is greatly over-rated by Dr. Barnes. It is true he subsisted on fruits and herbs, thereby putting stove manufacturers out of a business, and the present human race would subsist much better if it adopted the same menu. This flesh-consuming habit is not a particularly nice method of subsistence. There are other foods which are purer and cleaner. Think of taking into your "interior economy," your stomach, flesh which perhaps is diseased, and perhaps filled with all sorts of minor organisms, which would cause you to retch if you saw them under the microscope. We cheerfully admit that Adam had us beat all hollow on that part of the daily program, and Mrs. Eve had a picnic when it came to washing dishes. And how plain was his attire! Absolutely nothing but epidermis! How simple! Nothing to do but to get up and go to eating! Just like an animal! We modern folks wear lots of things that are useless, but lots of our dress goes to keep us warm. But Adam was impervious to cold or modesty. He didn't know that his hide was the only thing necessary to keep him from the weather. He, as far as these two points, was in the same condition as the gentleman hippopotamus, and consequently if the hippopotamus instead of Adam had been a partaker of the forbidden fruit (under the same conditions as mentioned always) there would have been a hippopotamus arrayed in broadcloth in the presidential seat of these United States instead of a man weighing about 350 pounds.

Then, too, Adam's intellect and will power must have been woefully stunted after his performance in naming the beasts and fowls to allow himself to be so easily fooled. He must have been as a child instead of a man like unto God. Otherwise he would not have acted as numberless people have acted and are acting today, who with the knowledge of good and evil, persist in choosing the evil. We can only conclude that Adam was not such a wonderful man after all. Compared with the investigations of modern man under non-perfect conditions, Adam would be a decided back number, a regular hay-seed. But when he ate the forbidden fruit he woke up from his oblivious conditions—his slumbers—and we find him hiding from trouble ever since.

The above chain of reasoning is followed out in concordance with the idea put forth by Dr. Barnes that man is no better than the animal, except that he has the hope of a resurrection, and simply shows the foolishness of his position. In other words it assumes that the hippopotamus, which Dr. Barnes insinuates was as good as Adam, might have anticipated him in eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge, through greater curiosity, if forbidden likewise by God to partake of it. Queer position, is it not, Dr. Barnes?

We are surprised at Dr. Barnes comparing Christ as a man to Adam as a man. They are in no wise similar. By Christ's assuming of man's form the salvation of the world was accomplished, but by Adam's miserable blunder sin and death entered in. What a stupid classification to make, Dr. Barnes should be ashamed of himself for allowing such an absurdity to go to print. And his suggestion that

Christ might have "peopled the earth with a race from his own loins" is both nauseating and blasphemous. He forgets that Christ was God even when he was man, and had He chose He could have MADE a perfect race without begetting it. We cannot see what train of thought could have caused Dr. Barnes to allow such a foolish idea to be published. In fact, it was with reluctance that we had it put in type, and only did so that at some future time Dr. Barnes might not say we censored his articles. Dr. Barnes should retire to his closet, and read some pious work to drive such peculiar thoughts from his mind, and a few prayers would do him no harm.

Dr. Barnes devotes lots of space to tell us that the curse will be lifted from the earth when the millennium comes, that it will blossom forth like the rose—probably without the aid of man's interference. What's the matter with this verse from Genesis (Chap. viii. 21) to prove the curse or a curse has been lifted? "And the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake." The curse text is in Genesis (iii. 17), "Cursed is the ground for thy sake." Is not the first verse a practical, if not a real withdrawal of the second? What other meaning can be construed? Perhaps Dr. Barnes can imagine one. The fact is God, in addition to having given the fruits and herbs to man, in Chap. ix. 3, gives him "Every living thing that liveth for meat," though restricted somewhat later. This looks like a part of the curse was removed anyway. Adam had to chew hay, it is probable, but his descendant, Admiral Noah, gets beefsteak.

Does Dr. Barnes realize what a human generation means? It does not mean that a man lives until he reaches the age of thirty-three years, and then has a son, who dittoes the performance in another thirty-three years. Nothing of the kind. The man who embarks in the family business, as a rule, does not stop short with one descendant but his thirty-fourth year finds him with another descendant, if not alive, at least laid away in a little pine or black walnut box, according to his means, and so it goes on in progressive ratio for several years, or until one or both of the life partners in peopling the earth die. Thus they make not one ripple on the sea of life but several, and these ripples break into other ripples. Thus three generations does not mean NOW three separate and distinct sets of people in a century, but on the contrary a continuous chain from year to year of young and old, rising in birth and falling into the grave. You might say a new generation of one is started every year or two, which will in turn start its new generation every year or two when it possesses the power to generate. A litter of pigs is a pig generation is it not? It is not necessary to wait thirty-three years or even three years to call it a pig generation. Even so with the human race. What we call a generation is only a succession of descendants of a particular man and woman of various ages from a breath to the time when some of them are capable of starting a generation themselves. Thus the ripples upon the human sea of life are increased till they become innumerable so multiplied. Better count the stars of the heavens! Think of 25 millions or one-quarter of the population of Europe dying in the 14th century of the "Black Death," so Hecker estimates. Yet Europe has too many people in it now, and her sovereigns have to play at the game of war to reduce the population. The births in Europe in 1900 are given by the World's Almanac as 13,400,483, of whom a quarter die in six years, so statisticians tell us. This estimate is for Europe alone. There still remain the births among the vast hordes of Africa, of Asia, of Polynesia, Australia, and the Western Hemisphere. The production and death of humanity is tremendous to contemplate. This is no one-horse business, but a big concern directed by a powerful Deity, who won't stand any trifling when it comes to settling things justly. It would not be a difficult task to estimate that as many have died of pestilence, famine and earthquake as have been estimated by "Pastor" Russell as having lived upon earth. Why, it has been estimated there is a death in the world every time the clock ticks. A death a second is 60 a minute, or 3,600 an hour, or 86,400 per day of 24 hours, or 30,336,000 per year. But this is nothing, for in view of the births in Europe in 1900 (13,400,483) the death rate must be far greater than one death per second. The area of the earth in square miles is 13,238,000, and with the population estimated 1,522,700,000 this would give 29.69 persons resident on a square mile, or nearly thirty people. The area of a square mile is 21,778,000 square feet, and assuming that it would require a space 11x8 feet for a corpse to rest in ("Pastor Russell's

DYKES & NORTHCUT'S COLT SHOW

WHITWELL, Tenn., Oct. 14.—Dykes & Northcut's Colt Show here last Friday was well attended, about 250 farmers being present. Twenty colts were entered in the contest, and seven year olds were shown.

R. C. Richard's colt took 1st prize, Barrel Condra's of Cedar Springs, 2nd prize; J. E. Teague's, 3rd prize.

E. J. Hudson's year-old took 1st prize (year class).

The judges were Silas McNabb, Tom Willis and Mr. Tapp of Indiana who has the fine stallion at Jasper. Mr. Taff had his fine coach horse with him, and it was greatly admired by the lovers of good horses.

Dykes & Northcut also exhibited three 6 months old Hereford male calves, that are for sale. They were much admired by cattle raisers.

Everything was orderly, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the colt show. There were several buyers wanting filly colts, but only one was for sale, Flavis Ashburn sold to Jas. Anderson for \$70.

The crowd had a chance to look at some nice Shetland ponies that J. J. Dykes has recently purchased with the intention of going into the Shetland pony business. He has some beautiful spotted mares and some fine blacks that have recently been imported from the Shetland Islands.

These annual colt shows of Dykes & Northcut are creating much interest in fine stock among farmers and stockraisers.

VALLEY ITEMS.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Roberson, which died in the West, was interred at Pikeville.

Roberson heirs are fencing 2500 acres of land on the mountain near Lee's station.

Hugh Hall and Mrs. Nettie Williams, were married at So. Pittsburg Oct. 13.

The Pikeville Banner has a ten-year-old job compositor, and the forms are inked by an eight-year-old "devil", both the property of the editor.

Rev. M. P. Murphey, pastor of the Methodist Church, South Pittsburg, will wed Miss Anna Pearl Malone, of Lexington, Ky., about Thanksgiving Day.

W. B. Drumright, of South Pittsburg, is the contractor in charge of the new public school building 69x57 feet, being constructed at Dunlap of brick.

A So. Pittsburg man is trying to put Tennessee in the republican columns by raising young republicans. He has six now, another appearing last week.

T. G. Garrett, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of So. Pittsburg, is now Cashier of the Cumberland Valley National Bank at Nashville, capitalized at \$300,000.

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Mrs. Mary Alley returned last week from a visit in McMinnville, Tenn.

Rev. Cicero Dobbs left this week for conference of M. E. Church at Morristown, Tenn.

Miss Martha Tate has returned from a visit to her uncle, Dr. G. B. Tate, at Fackler, Ala.

Miss Abbie Clark and Mrs. Mollie Pryor visited Mrs. T. R. Hackworth at Deptford Saturday.

Several of our people heard Oscar Seagle sing at South Pittsburg Tuesday night of last week.

Jasper Lodge, No. 175, K of P., will entertain the lodges of the Valley with a grand banquet Nov. 17, which will be attended by many visiting Knights.

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

Program to be Given at Pryor Institute, Jasper, Saturday, Oct. 30th.

Quotations, Longfellow

Essay, Life of Longfellow

Reading, Anna Deakins

Reading, Sam C. Martin

Reading, "Paul Revere's Ride"

Reports and Discussion, Mrs. Pearl Locke

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A. A. Rogers has been sick with fever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vann visited at Whiteside, the home of Mrs. Vann's parents, last week.

Mrs. J. W. Simpson returned last week from a visit to relatives in Cincinnati. She also visited points in Canada during her trip.

Joe Horton, who conducts a first-class barber shop in Chattanooga, was here this week, visiting his brother, F. M. Horton, our popular tonorial artist.

A. R. RANKIN

Announces for Judge of the Good Old County of Marion.

The News is pleased this week to announce the name of Albert R. Rankin for the important office of Judge of the good old county of Marion, and his announcement is distinctly the first for this office that we have heard mentioned or seen announced.

Mr. Rankin is so well known that it is almost superfluous to say anything for him. His work pushing the agricultural interests among the farmers of the county has been productive of good. He is keenly alive to the interests of the county, and we consider him mighty good judge timber.

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